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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

SHIMADA ET AL.

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Title: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING BASE MATERIAL FOR OPTICAL FIBER, APPARATUS
THEREFORE, AND BASE MATERIAL MANUFACTURED BY THE SAME

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated April 28, 2003, wherein the pending claims were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§112, 102, and 103. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.